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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on ***, *** requested an extension of time for TWO (2) MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0916 the required fee of \$420.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

claims 31 line 2, to make the claim a proper dependent claim by further limiting the tire structure of claim 14, "incorporated into" has been changed to -- coextruded with -- (coextruding creates structural differences, specification p. 6 lines 11-14);

claims 44 line 2, to make the claim a proper dependent claim by further limiting the tire structure of claim 16, "incorporated into" has been changed to -- coextruded with -- (coextruding creates structural differences, specification p. 6 lines 11-14).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571)272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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